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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Add the following new paragraph after the title at page 1:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a National Phase Application of International Application Number PCT/JP2005/003609, filed March 3, 2005, and claims the priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-063228, filed March 5, 2004, the content of both of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the first full paragraph, at page 3, line ~~18~~³ to page 4, line ~~12~~¹ as follows:

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However, in recent years, in accordance with sophistication of functions and speed increase of an integrated circuit, a wiring structure has rapidly become more microscopic and thinner and a wiring layer has become extremely thin, and therefore, giving a stylus pressure to a the probe for the inspection as described in the conventional patent document 1 involves a risk of damaging a wiring layer and an insulation layer because the probe penetrates not only the oxide film but also the wiring layer or because of a concentration stress from the probe. On the contrary, decreasing the stylus pressure involves a risk of causing unstable continuity between a the probe and ~~an~~ the electrode pad. Further, though the bumps described in the patent documents 2, 3 can surely break ~~an~~ the oxide film of an electrode pad by the